

## **GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S PLAN TO GROW OUR ECONOMY, SECURE OUR FUTURE:** **OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MICHIGAN**

### **GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CREATE JOBS AND BOOST MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY**

Governor Granholm will "go anywhere and do anything" to create, retain, and grow jobs in Michigan. And, she is fighting hard to protect our families and educate our children. Governor Granholm puts Michigan first.

#### **GROWING THE ECONOMY**

The Governor is going anywhere and doing anything to create jobs for Michigan workers, and direct action by her administration is convincing major corporations to create jobs and expand in Michigan. Keebler relocated its headquarters from Illinois to Battle Creek. Toyota is putting 400 people to work in York Township at its new Technical Center. When manufacturing jobs left Greenville for Mexico, Governor Granholm stepped in and helped convince United Solar Ovonic to open a new manufacturing facility there. The Governor has met face to face with businesses from across the country and around the world – and her leadership is paying off. Her mission to Japan has already attracted 630 new jobs and \$116 million in new investment from 10 Japanese companies. But the Governor knows we have a lot more to do to create good paying jobs so our kids can stay in Michigan and work in Michigan. That's why she has a comprehensive Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow plan, which includes a new, \$2 billion 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs for Michigan Fund that will diversify our economy and create thousands of jobs. From cutting taxes for businesses to matching out-of-work citizens with jobs that exist right now, Granholm is working hard every day to turn our economy around.

#### **PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN**

Granholm knows that Michigan must ensure the health and safety of our families and our children to maintain our excellent quality of life. That's why in just three years, her administration has made it possible for more than 292,000 uninsured or under-insured citizens to receive affordable prescription drug coverage and health care coverage; and they've created the MiRx drug discount program that's helping 35,000 Michiganders purchase prescriptions. To protect our children, she's gone after sex and violence in video games. Our neighborhoods are also safer after her administration put more than 1,400 dangerous parole violators and more than 800 sex offenders back behind bars.

#### **EDUCATING OUR KIDS**

Governor Granholm knows the best path to a bright economic future is a high-quality education. Our children deserve to reach their full potential in a safe environment with the tools they need to succeed. That's why the Governor created Project Great Start to increase access to quality child care in Michigan communities and to give parents the tools they need to be their child's first and most important teacher. The Governor is also working to create higher standards in Michigan's high schools so that all students are prepared for success in college and in life. She is fighting to make Michigan the first state in the nation to make college or vocational training accessible and affordable for every child in the state. And, despite eliminating almost \$4 billion in budget shortfalls – more than any other governor before her – Governor Granholm's 2006 budget increased funding for Michigan's K-12 schools to record levels, while asking schools to do more to help kids learn.

## **GRANHOLM ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MICHIGAN'S SENIOR CITIZENS**

Governor Granholm is committed to ensuring that every person in Michigan has the opportunity to enjoy a great life – including Michigan's senior citizens. Since taking office, Governor Granholm and her administration have:

- **Protected Senior Citizens' Property and Finances.** Governor Granholm signed legislation to protect property and finances of vulnerable adults from con artists.
- **Fought Privatization of Social Security.** Governor Granholm has helped lead the fight in opposition to President Bush's plan to privatize Social Security.

### *Made Health Care Affordable for Michigan's Seniors and Most Vulnerable Citizens*

- **Made Affordable Prescriptions and Health Care Available.** In just three years, the Granholm administration has extended affordable prescription drug coverage and health care coverage to more than 292,000 Michigan citizens.
- **Made Prescription Drugs Affordable for the Uninsured.** The MiRx Card was created; a prescription drug discount card program designed to help lower prescription drug costs for some of Michigan's one million uninsured residents. More than 35,000 uninsured seniors and people from working families have signed up for the discount prescription drug card program since its inception.
- **Lowered Prescription Drug Costs through Bulk-buying Pool.** Introduced the nation's first bulk-buying pool for prescription drugs and received federal approval from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to ensure lower prescription drug costs for more than 1.3 million Michigan citizens.

### *Invested in Michigan's Nursing Homes and Long-term Care Facilities*

- **Ensured Safer Nursing Home Care.** Governor Granholm signed legislation requiring criminal background checks for workers in nursing homes and in assisted living facilities.
- **Ensured Better Nursing Home Care.** A proposal to renovate many of Michigan's aging long-term care facilities was implemented. \$300 million in funding has been made available to renovate up to 75 aging nursing homes/long-term care facilities which will help ensure everyone has the opportunity to receive the care they need in a safe and dignified manner. It will also help put Michigan women and men to work in a variety of jobs.
- **Created the Long-Term Care Task Force.** A state Long-Term Care Task Force was created and implemented which will help ensure that Michigan's seniors are protected and cared for.

### *Invested in Improving Health Care for Michigan Citizens*

- **Appointed Michigan's first Surgeon General.** Governor Granholm appointed the state's first Surgeon General and launched a plan – *Prescription for a Healthier Michigan* – to help make Michigan citizens healthier.
- **Implemented Mental Health Care Law.** The Granholm administration has taken the lead on implementing *Kevin's Law* which offers protection for individuals and for the community, and provides adequate and appropriate care to citizens who need mental health care assistance.

- **Helped to Establish the Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority.** Governor Granholm guided the establishment of the Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority to help find ways to provide efficient and quality health care for thousands of residents in southeast Michigan who are under-insured or who have no insurance.
- **Made \$50 Million Available for Detroit Medical Center.** \$50 million in funding was approved for the Detroit Medical Center to help it meet budget shortfalls at Detroit Receiving and Hutzel hospitals.
- **Worked to Establish Federally Qualified Health Centers.** As of October 2005, the Granholm administration has worked to obtain approval of 15 Federally Qualified Health Centers in communities throughout the state, including Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Detroit, Marquette, Muskegon, Jackson, Brimley, Westland, and Lincoln.
- **Strengthened Rural Health Care.** Governor Granholm signed legislation that will expand affordable health care opportunities to more Michigan citizens living in rural communities. The law will protect and expand the rural health care safety net by allowing more Michigan rural hospitals the opportunity to continue or begin receiving increased federal reimbursement for Medicare patients.